

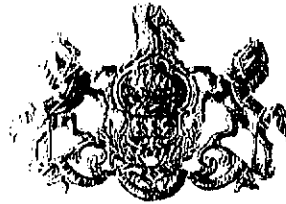
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Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
From: Senator Jake Corman *Jake*
Date: February 15, 2011
RE: **Co-sponsorship memo # 11** – Education Mandate Waiver Program

As part of Act 16 of 2000, the General Assembly enacted the Mandate Waiver Program to allow school districts and later intermediate units and vocational-technical schools to apply for waivers from certain requirements in the Public School Code.

In accordance with the law, the Mandate Waiver Program expired on June 30, 2010. My legislation would eliminate the sunset provision and reestablish the Mandate Waiver Program.

In order for school entities to be eligible for a waiver, they must apply to PDE with information detailing that the waiver will allow them to improve their instructional program or operate in a more effective, efficient or economical manner. To date, PDE has received over 893 applications and has approved over 681 of these requests.

SB 250 of 2009 – Senators Waugh, Scarnati, Piccola, Browne, Folmer, M. White, Baker, Boscola, Brubaker, Costa, Earll, Eichelberger, Gordner, Greenleaf, Orié, Robbins, Smucker, D. White, Wonderling, and Yaw.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Kristi Kreiser in my office at 787-1377 or by email at kkreiser@pasen.gov.